



# Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Pittsburgh District

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Notice No. below

US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District  
1000 Liberty Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 200601381

Date: September 28, 2006

Notice No. 06-43

Closing Date: October 18, 2006

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

2. APPLICANT: Shepler Yard Associates  
P. O. Box 483  
Fayette City, PA 15438

AGENT: Marine Consulting Services  
Pristine Fields  
6 Pristine Place  
Canonsburg, PA 15317-9573

3. LOCATION: Monongahela River, right bank, Mile 38.35, in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The applicant proposes to construct and maintain a trans-loading facility for dry bulk commodities. The facility would be constructed by excavating a notch encroaching five feet riverward and 700 feet parallel to normal pool elevation 726.9 and embedding four standard barges (26'x175') with four identical barges atop. Each barge would be "beefed up" for structural stability and filled with stone. The upper barges would be capped with concrete. In addition, two tri-ties would be placed upstream and two downstream on 175-foot centers, encroaching five feet riverward. All dredged material would be removed and transported to a location to preclude its re-entry into the river. Mooring at the facility would be limited to a maximum of 5 Standard Barge widths or 130 feet. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice.

5. ENCROACHMENT PERMIT: The applicant is required to obtain an encroachment permit which includes State 401 Water Quality Certification from the:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Southwest Regional Office  
Soils and Waterways Section  
400 Waterfront Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745  
Telephone: 412-442-4000

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the

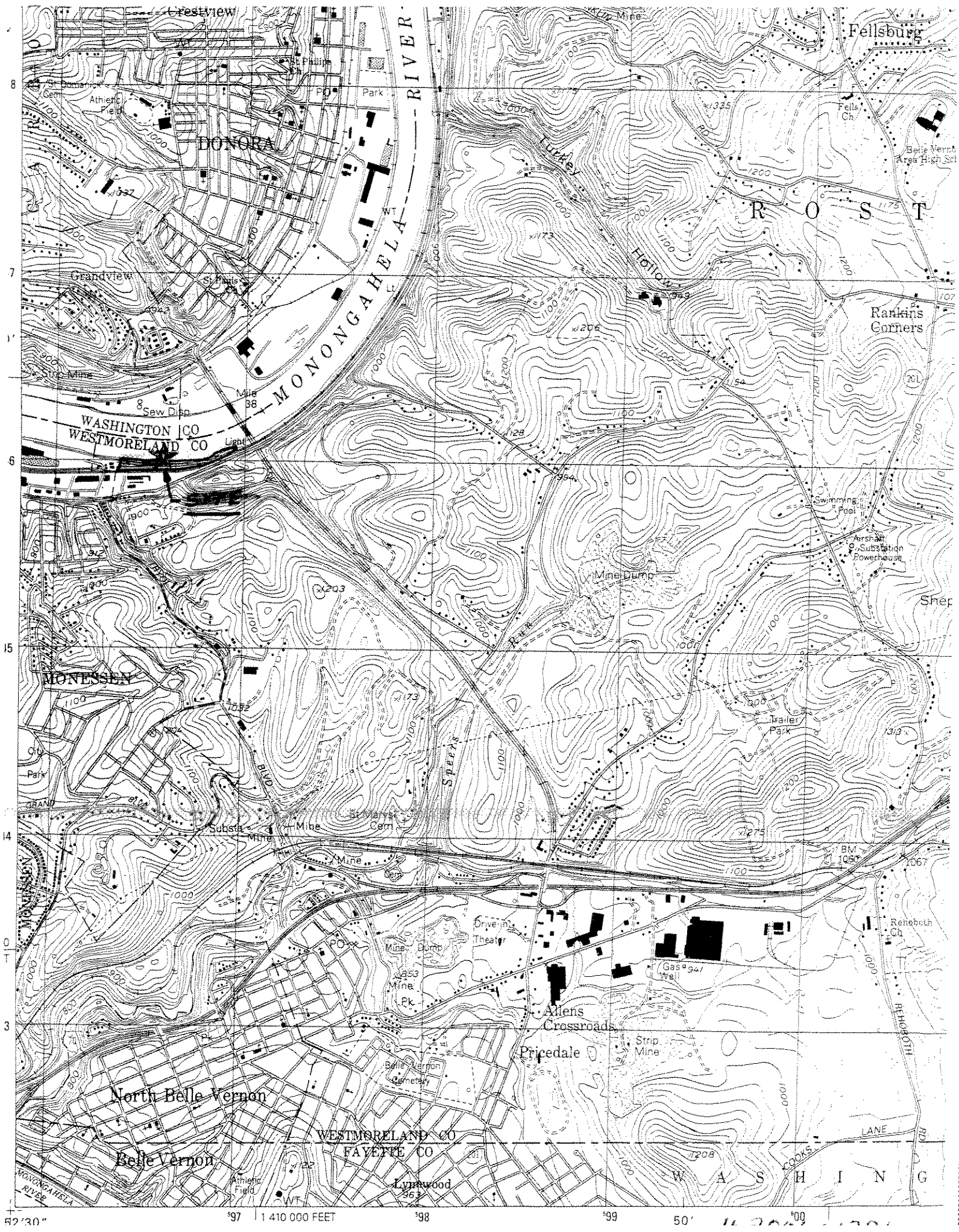
overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Linda Malsch, at the above address, by telephoning (412) 395-7392, or by e-mail at linda.m.malsch@usace.army.mil. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 200601381 in all responses.

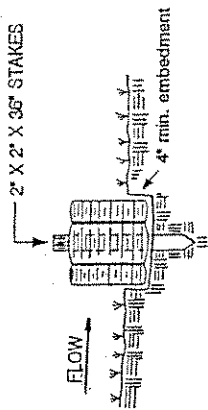
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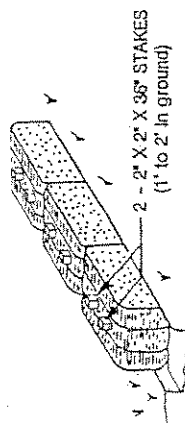
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Chief, Regulatory Branch



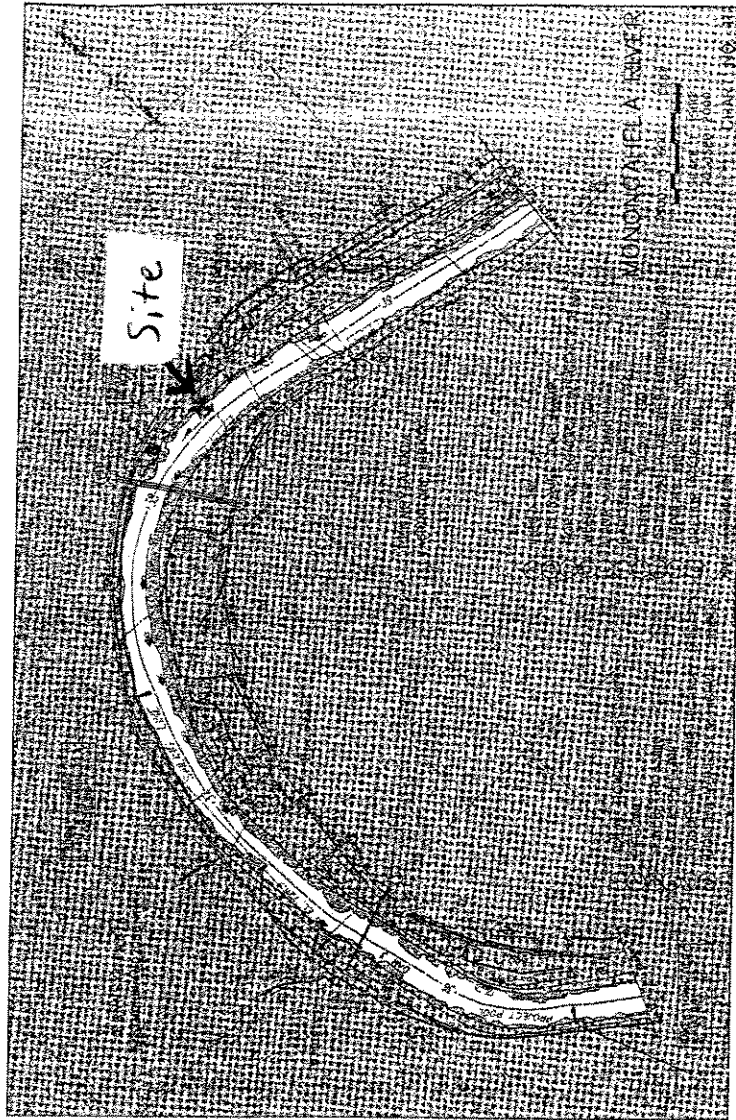
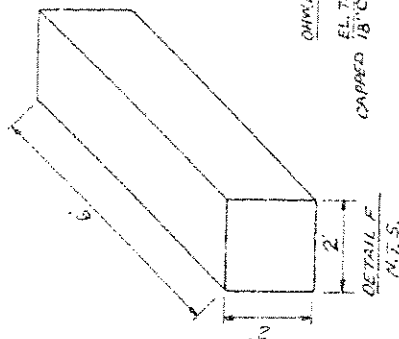




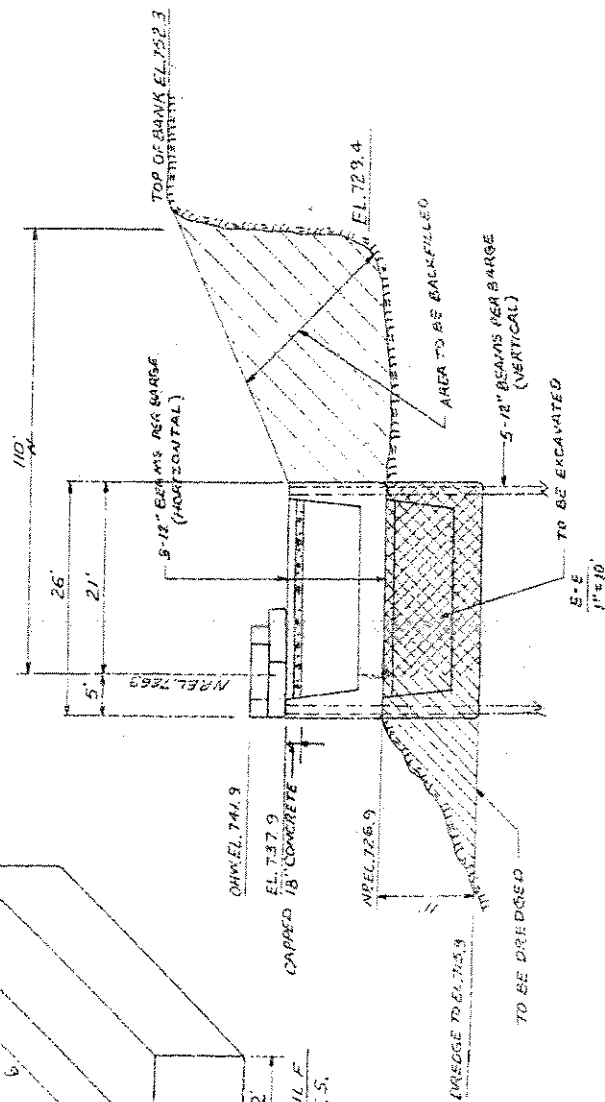
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	AREA TO BE EXCAVATED
	1497cys.
	TO BE BACKFILLED
	8555cys.
	AREA TO BE PAVED
	165cys.



SHEPLER YARD ASSOCIATES  
PROPOSED BARGE DOCK FACILITY  
MON. RIVER, RT. BK. MILE POST 38.35  $\frac{1}{2}$   
ROSTRAVER TWP. WESTMORELAND CO. PA.  
SCALE; AS SHOWN  
SHEET 2 of 2  
DATE: 8 MAY, 2006

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